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The Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Sir:

The Joint Committee on Printing recognizes the urgent need for adequate safeguards in the handling of Government printed matter, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the security of the Nation.

In that connection, information which has come to the attention of the Joint Committee indicates that certain classified printing requirements in the District of Columbia area, currently produced in the main Government Printing Office plant, possibly can be handled more advantageously to the Government on separate facilities.

The Joint Committee also is conscious of the fact that it is quite costly to maintain even minimum safeguards for the least sensitive category of classified printing production within the main GPO plant.

Consequently, this Committee has directed its staff to make a survey to determine:

- (a) Whether the classified printing currently produced within the main GPO plant should continue to be so handled, or
- (b) Whether it can best be handled elsewhere with respect to security safeguards, economy and efficiency, in a plant operated by the Public Printer in accordance with the policies of the Joint Committee on Printing and the security and printing production requirements of the departments and agencies involved.

The Joint Committee will appreciate your assistance in designating a representative to serve in an advisory capacity in the described survey.

As you know, the Government Printing Office already operates a separate printing plant known as the GPO-Department of State Service Office. This plant exists exclusively for the purpose of producing classified printing for various departments and agencies.

Planned construction changes, materially effecting the building within which this plant is housed, will permanently impair both its

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security safeguards and production effectiveness. Because of the vitally important services which this plant performs, as well as the key position it occupies in relation to the survey, it is the Joint Committee's conviction that immediate steps should be taken to forestall any inimical effects to its immediate or long-range program.

In view of this described urgency, please advise us as soon as possible as to whom you will designate as your representative.

The first meeting of the survey group is scheduled on Tuesday, October 12, 1954 at 10:30 a. m. in the rooms of the Joint Committee on Printing. (F-68, Capitol, Ground Floor, West Center).

Very truly yours,

Chairman